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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

TUOMAINEN ET AL.

Examiner

Mylinh Tran

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35

U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Inoue et al. [US. 6,332,024].

As to claims 1, 10, 19, 21-22 and 24, Inoue et al. disclose the steps of displaying one or more selection elements (figure 13F), defining an auxiliary element for at least one selection element (figure 13F, the “envelop” element), activating one selection element, and displaying an auxiliary element only in an active selection element (column 16, lines 19-45, only the envelope element is active).

As to claims 2 and 12, Inoue et al. also disclose selecting a selection element, defining a submenu for the selection element, magnifying said selection element, displaying a submenu, and displaying an auxiliary element (column 6, lines 13-40).

As to claim 3, Inoue et al. disclose one selection element of a submenu being activated and an auxiliary element being displayed on the activated selection element of the submenu (column 6, lines 13-40).

As to claim 4, Inoue et al. disclose the auxiliary element being not shown in the non-active selection element (figure 13C, the other elements are not shown but "Disconnect").

As to claims 5, 13 and 20, Inoue et al. also disclose the auxiliary element displaying at least one indicator indicating the possible navigating directions (figure 13F).

As to claims 6 and 14, Inoue et al. disclose the indicator being an arrow pointing to one possible navigating direction (figure 13F, the first item is highlighted, the list items (1-6) are navigated from top to bottom).

As to claims 7 and 15, Inoue et al. teach the auxiliary element displaying at least one indicator indicating a selectable function (figure 13F, the "envelope" icon is indicated by highlighting).

As to claim 8, Inoue et al. teach the indicator being a shortcut menu (figure 13F, the "envelope" is mail indicator).

As to claims 9 and 17, Inoue et al. teach said auxiliary element being located close to an identifier of the active selection element (figure 13 F, a next element closes to the "envelope" element).

As to claims 10 and 18, Inoue et al. teach the identifier of the selection element being an icon (figure 13F).

As to claims 23 and 25, Inoue et al. also teach steps of indicating the possible navigating directions from the active selection element by the means of the auxiliary element (column 8, lines 11-40).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mylinh Tran. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4141.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo, can be reached at 571-272-4847.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

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